

St. John the Baptist PTC
Meeting
Thursday November 12, 2015 7:00 PM
St. John Junior High Building, Mrs. Metzger's Classroom

Minutes approved at the December 17, 2015 PTC meeting.

7:02 PM Meeting was called to order, followed by prayer led by John Drees.

September Minutes

Minutes were reviewed by attendees prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2015 PTC meeting was made by Sarah Hunter. John Drees seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed at the meeting. Corrections were made to calculations. Checking account balance is \$42,569.23 with outstanding obligations totaling \$22,829.81, for a difference of \$19,739.42 to be spent. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mindy Caldwell. Marilyn Walter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Follow Up Business

Walk-A-Thon Total amount made from the Walk-A-Thon is \$17,554.27. Expenses to date are \$3,316.77; this does not include popcorn for the movie day earned by meeting the fundraising goal.

Benches The 3 benches are in. They look great and cost less than originally anticipated. There was a 90 pound credit from excess lids; it was donated to Mt. Carmel School.

Restaurant Fundraiser The PTC's second restaurant fundraiser of the school year was at LaRosa's on October 22, 2015. Total amount received by PTC was received \$177 (10% of sales). It was decided to not continue with restaurant fundraising this year. The initiative will be tabled for when additional funding is truly needed.

Box Tops Following are the results from the first Box Top war of the school year. Ms. Metzger's class won; they each received a box of candy.

- Box tops – \$1,096.80
- Aunt Millie – \$9.70
- Labels for Education – 10,470 points
- Tyson – 90 labels (24¢ each + 10 books for every 100 labels)

Principal's Report

Susan Meymann spoke on the reporting required during the month of October. The Principal's office seems to be receiving forms and papers back in a timely manner, especially forms needed for the start of the school year. Susan attributed much of that to the mandatory meeting held the week prior to school starting. The PTC needs to decide if a mandatory meeting would be

beneficial again before the start of next year. The Education Committee held its first meeting in October. They are looking into service and science opportunities, Junior Achievement, and foreign language options. Susan is already preparing for registration for next school year.

This concludes the Principal's Report.

Current Business

Santa's Workshop Mary Ann Meyer is the chairperson for Santa's Workshop again this year. It seems to be scheduled for an already busy week. Many teachers agree that there needs to be a way to make the process quicker for their classes to get through. A suggestion was made to use plain white lunch bags stapled at the top for wrapping to speed up the process.

Breakfast with Santa Sarah Hunter is the chairperson for Breakfast with Santa again this year. It will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015. Pictures will not be available for purchase this year; cost to attend the breakfast has increased to \$5 to make up for it. Santa's Workshop will be open during Breakfast with Santa as well.

COSI Update Everyone in attendance agreed that the COSI program was a success, particularly with the younger grades. Mindy Caldwell will look into other options for 7th/8th graders. Melissa Pitzer and Sarah Kiefer may also be doing so.

Approved Project Updates

Awning Cindy Abrams has been following up on the purchase of an awning for the exterior door at the far end of the elementary school building. She has a quote from Frontier Signs located in Harrison for \$1,410. The PTC has already approved \$900 to be spent on an awning. A motion to approve an additional \$510 for the purchase of the awning was made by Marilyn Walter. Kathy Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Floor Scrubber Mike Meyer will order once the desired floor scrubber is identified.

Pencil Bags Marilyn Walter will get a price on the pencil bags. The old style is no longer available, but Marilyn has asked for a cost to purchase custom bags. In the past the bags cost \$3 each to order 500; they were sold for \$6 each. As long as the custom bags are \$6 or less, Marilyn will order 500 bags. The purchase is not to exceed a total of \$3,000.

Miscellaneous

Trivia night is scheduled for March 12, 2016. Laura Roberts is looking for a co-chair for raffle basket donations this year, with the intent for the co-chair to take over next year. Tickets for Trivia Night are usually available in January. The PTC Board suggested not having raffle baskets from donated items, but a scrip basket and/or lotto basket instead. Mindy Caldwell said she could sell scrips to PTC at cost, saving a bit of money. John Drees will speak with Mrs. Steelman about the proposed change in raffle baskets.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 31 – February 5, 2016. A large program is usually scheduled during that week; suggestions are being taken. A school-wide service project is also being considered; possibly at Matthew 25 Ministries. Other suggestions for service included

staying at school and doing something for the Harrison Mayor's Fund or shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

At the last PTC meeting, the PTC Board recommended identifying one of the new playground benches as a "buddy bench". When a child is sad, lonely, or feeling left out, they sit on the bench. This signals to the other children that this person needs a friend and should be invited and included. The students will have to be taught to reach out to anyone sitting on the buddy bench. However, when it was discussed at this meeting, several people questioned whether or not it was a good idea. Further discussion will need to take place before a final decision is made.

It was suggested that the PTC target the Parks of Whitewater neighborhood for marketing about St. John school. Further discussion will need to take place.

The PTC Board feels that meeting every-other month does not allow for appropriate discussion and decisions. The current by-laws state that the PTC will hold a bi-monthly meeting. A special meeting will be called for the off-months until the by-laws can be changed. The next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 17, 2015. Nobody opposed meeting monthly.

8:20 PM Motion to adjourn the PTC meeting was made by Sarah Hunter. Kathy Dean seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Attendance for November 12, 2015 PTC meeting was 12 people.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Barrow, Secretary
St. John PTC

Next scheduled meeting
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